NINETY SECOND YEAR.

ST. LOUIS, MO., SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 1900.

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SAME OLD CROWD; SAME OLD METHODS.

Evidences of Money Spent to Break Down the Lowest Bidder on Light Contract.

awarded the contract to light the residence districts of St. Louis for a period of ten years from September 1, 1995, to the Kern Incandescent Lighting Company of New-York, there have been unmistakable signs that persons having interests antagonistic mined efforts, not sparing money, to prevent the consummation of the final details which will make the contract operative. Immediately after the Kern company's bid-being the lowest one submitted-had punied these statements, began to be exerted. More than once the bosst was heard, from persons connected th rival interests, that the company uld experience great difficulty in procurnecessary \$200,000 surely on fits work. What obstacles were thrown in its cil. On Friday evening, when this matter way in this particular have not developed came before the body, strong opposition and probably will not, inasmuch as it succeeded in obtaining the required surety, After this requirement had been met the

opposition appeared in new form. Articles,

in which the Kern company was discredned, were submitted to St. Louis news-

papers, with offers to pay for their inser-

tion at advertising rates. The Chronich

Since the Board of Public Improvements . Bureau, on March 8. These propositions, of course, were refused. The fact that those who presented the article to The Republic desired it to appear as reading matter is

> pany to fulfill its contract and concerning the quality of mantle it would employ in its lamps-this being vital to the quality of light furnished-have been freely circulated since the contract was awarded by the board. In no instance has proof accom-

Another thing which is calculated to support the beitef that the opposing interests are pashing a selfish fight on the Kern company is the attitude of certain members of the City Council. Before the contract can become effective it and the combond for the faithful performance of the pany's bond must be approved by the Coundeveloped in that particular clique which lighting bills. These same members were champions of the Central Traction bill. If proval of the Kern Company's contract and bond they will do just what the interests antagonistic to that company desire. Action as approached in this manner on March was postponed by the Council until next 6 and The Republic, through fis New York Friday.

CAPE NOME'S GOLDEN SANDS MAY CAUSE WAR.

Rich Syndicates to be Protected by Troops While Dredging---Miners' Claims Invalid.

New York, March 10.-Three hattallons of ted States Infactry, 1.200 men, a war wei and an armed patrol boat, will start for Alaska in a few weeks-just as soon, in fact, as the ice thaw opens up Behring Sea. This military and naval expedition is to try to head off the war in the new Cape Nome table as soon as the summer mining season

harr summer, when it was suddenly discovered that for more than 100 miles the sea beach along Cape Nome was saturated with gold, there began a rush from the near-by Klundike, and many burried up from Cali-tornia and Oregon. Since last July every square yard of that marvelous beach has

been staked out into claims.

The miners were in some doubt about their rights to stake out claims on a tide-water beach and harried representatives to Wash-

ington to make sure.

The Congressional Committee on Public Lands ruled that the same laws should hold on the beach as on dry land. The miners at once completed the staking of claims and are contentedly waiting for warm weather are contentedly waiting which lie STRENGTH CONTEST RECORD frozen under their feet.

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But a totally unexpected change has taken place in Washington this winter. Influential capitalists, with their eyes on Cape Nome's good, have induced the Congressional Committee to reverse their first ruling and decide that the Cape Nome gold eds. being a tidewater ocean beach, are public land." and cannot be staked out into private claims, any more than the open ocean can be staked out. With this new ruling, the capitalists have fitted out a fleet of big steam dredges, which will set sail for Alaska next month. These huge dredges with anchor near the shore, run out their big suction pipes and eat the beach away by the acre.

When the old miners, who expect to sift the sand on their claims by the palifull see the fleet of steam dredges in sight on the horizon the war will begin. The dredgers know this, and they have sheathed their steamers with iron armor and mounted a rapid-fire gun on each dredge. The old miners are armed with rifles. When the dredges approach the beach the miners will fight to a man to defend their claims, and the dredgers are prepared to mow the beach with their rapid-fire guns. There are now about fifty armed steam dredges fitting out in Puget Sound.

The situation has been made known to the War and Navy Departments, and Brigadier General Randall has been put in charge of a force of 1.200 troops and two ships to patrol the beach and try to keep the peace. When Trouble Will Begin.

the peace.

Cape Nome promises this season to exceed even the great Klondike rush in 1887 and 1898. Eighty thousand people, it is expected, will join in a stampede in a few weeks to the marvelous Alaskan gold fields. Where 2,600 men last summer dus up \$2.000,000 worth of precious metal' as easily as children fill their pails with sand at Coney Island, ten to twenty times that number will this year pick up \$2,000,000 in number will this year pick up \$29,000,000 in gold dust and nuggets. gold dust and nuggets.

That is the conservative estimate of the Director of the United States Mint. But if the huge steam dredgers, with their blg hydraulic suction pumps, get at the beach the gold yield may reach an undreamed-of figure.

Up on that bleak Alaska peninsula, at tome City, facing Siberia, between the Araia Ocean and Behring Ses, it is pre-dicted that there will grow up this sum-mer the greatest mining camp the world has ever known. Every tub that can float on the Pacific

Coast will be used to carry the army of gold seekers to the new el dorado. Fifty steamships have already been organized into "liners" for Alaska, while every avail-able "tramp" sailing ship will be pressed into service. and Seattle, and other Puget Sound ports this fleet of vessels will sail for Cape Nome. It is no roundabout route, up winding, ice-packed rivers, with long portages over mountains, as is the case of a journey to the Klondike.

To Nome City it is course. the Klondike.

Te Nome City it is a straightaway course, across the open Pacific Ocean and Behring Sea, and passengers will be landed directly on the gold-lined beach.

A Race for Fortune.

The race for fortune will begin in April. Scattle, on Puget Sound, will be the mearest point of departure in the United States to Cape Nome. From this port the route is only 2.80 miles, almost the same distance as from New York to Southampton. But while this distance is covered in six to eight days by the fast Atlantic liners, it will take the slower, heavily loaded ships of the Pacific from twelve to fourteen days to make the trip to Nome City.

The racing back and forth of steamers and sailing craft over this northern high-say will present a strangely different scene from the lonely seas of a few years ago, plowed only by scalers and whalers.

The steamships that will engage in this traffic are mostly vessels of 2.000 to 2.000 tons, as contrasted with the 10,000 to 15,000 ton liners on the Atlantic. It will take a good many trips of such craft, carrying only 500 to 850 passengers, to transport 89,000 persons in a short three months' season. But with a mighty scurrying back and forth it may be done.

Aiready 69,000 men and women have been booked for vessels sailing during April and May. At least 1,000 of these are women.

A uniform schedule of rates for transportation has been adopted by the several lines of steamers operating between Seattle and Nome, substantially as follows:

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night. The ocean, frozen clear across to the mouth of the Yukon River, made a smooth speedway for the incoming crowds from the Klondike. smooth speedway for the incoming crowds from the Klondike.

At last accounts dog teams were daily

coming to and going from Nome to the outlying districts.

To vary the midwinter monotony at Nome City there are the festive music and dance halls that were put up last fall. There is also the peculiar type of saloon that advertises on its front door, "Free bunks and dance hall overhead."

This enables the miner with gold-filled pockets to live in continuous reveiry as long as the "filling" lasts.

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pockets to five in continuous reveiry as long as the "filling" lasts.

But a good deal of solid work has also been done in the gay camp this winter. Not content with digging gold from the beach in summer time above the surf line, men were sinking holes through the ice out from the beach in December to test the bottom of the ocean to learn whether the sand there carries gold.

MISSOURI UNIVERSITY NOTES AND HAPPENINGS.

BROKEN.

Winners in the Declamation Contest-Western Football League Disrupted.

Columbia, Mo., March 9.-The annual strength contest of the university was held this week. It was won by E. C. White of Cohocton, N. Y., who made a total of 2.951.9 pounds. This breaks the university record by 326 pounds, held by Warren R. Woodson of 1899. He also broke the university record of 1,200 pounds for strength of legs, held by Crawford E. White of 1898, and W. R. Woodon, 1899, ten pounds, and the record of twenty-six dips, held by C. E. Dewey of 1893 by three dips. The only other record that was broken in the strength was the record of strength of right forearm of 169 sounds, made in 1898 by Adam Hill of Indeendence, Mo. This record was broken by Milton M. Dearing of Columbia, his record

eing 170 pounds. Mr. White, the winner of the contest, is a magnificent specimen of physical manhood. He is 28 years old, five feet nine inches in height, and weighs 181 pounds. He came to Missouri University last fall for the purpose of coaching the football team, and at the ame time entered the department of medicine as a student. Before coming to Missouri, Mr. White was a student of the University of Buffalo and of Cornell University. At both of these schools he distinguished himself in athletics and was a member of both the football and the track teams. His 3,212 pounds. In 1895 and 1896 he won the all-round championship of Cornell, and in 1868 won the all-round championship of America in general athletics. For the last hence did not come up to his old record for the strength test.

The second annual declamation contest of the department of elecution of the Uni-versity of Missouri took place before a large audience in the university auditorium on

Tuesday night. speaks well for the work done by the elocution department, of which Professor John order of the merit in delivery, as follows; First, \$25; second, \$15; third, \$10.

Doctor John Pickard and Professor H. C.

Penn.

The selections of the speakers were well chosen and made a most interesting programme. The order of the speakers was decided by lots, and was as follows: (i) "Irish Aliens and English Victories" (Richard L. Shiel), George H. Houck, Jr., of Cape Girardeau; (i) "The Roman Sentinel," C. E. Rice of Mexico; (i) "How the La Rue Stakes Were Lost," Miss Mabel Phelps of Kirkwood; (i) "Farmer John," Lucas R. Coffing of Kinloch; (i) "The Fight on the Cliff Head." William B. Burrus of Columbia; (i) "The Revenge," a ballad of "The Fleet," Edgar L. Bolin of Forsyth; (i) "The Falcon of Sir Federigo," Egbert F. Halsted of Lawrence Bothwell of Sedalia; (ii) "The Vagabonds," Henry E. Draper of Cookeville, Tenn.; (ii) "Sweet Home," Miss Edith Shipley of Columbia.

The judges awarded the prizes as fellows: First, W. B. Burrus; second, Henry E. Draper; third, Miss Mabel Phelps, Mr. Burrus's declamation was intensely dramatic, and he handled it with his characteristic ability. He entered into the spirit of the piece and brought the scene vividity before the eyes of the audience, Mr. Draper's selection was also dramatic in character, and he made it extremely realistic, Miss Phelps recited "How the Le Rue Stakes Were Lost" in a charming manner.

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Only a limited quantity-all in PE FECT condition and at such tremende reductions as to warrant you in buyin even for next Fall wear.

High-Grade Jackets-Best Jackets in the House — worth up to #18 -choice for

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finest imported mercerized sateenslook like silk and wear better-they are nicely corded and trimmed with four rows of ruffles-they come in regular lengths as well as short lengths, to be worn with rainy-day skirts-worth \$3.50-Fire Sale Price.....

terials in desirable colorings—test \$1.50 skirt in town—Fire Sale Price. 98C RIBBONS FOR THOSE NEW

Petticoats of imported mercerized ma-

20 different patterns-representing over 100 shades of fancy ribbon—made up into these new and stylish Ring Stock Collars—each col-lar containing 2 yands of ribbon and 2 rings— morth 75c to 18c—made to your order, all complete, for

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No room for details-take our word for it that the values are way beyond anything to be had elsewhere. 1,000 Bunches of 2,000 Bunches of Assorted

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Men's Fine Box Calf and Russia Leather Shees-double soles-buildeg toes 2.19 Edwin Clapp's Tan Willow Calf Shoes for men-bulling toes-our regular 3.90

square toes—some with spring heels, others you about it:
with regular heels—broken sizes— 75C Corset Covers—made Ladies' Splendid Dongola Shoes patent leather tips-full coin toes-bend edges-worth il 75 and it 90-Fire Ladies' Fine Vici Kid Shoes-kid tipsflexible soles—broken sizes—worth 1.97 Ladies' Black Serge House Slip- 29C Little Gents' Fine Satin Calf Shoes-all

solid-new low flat heei-sizes 10 to 134 worth \$1.25 and \$1.50-Fire Sale Boys' Satin Calf Shoes-sizes 13 to 2 and 214 to 5-worth \$1.25 and \$1.30-Fire Sale Price.... Girls' Spring Heel Shoes-in black with

LAST WEEK!! To-morrow morning begins the final week of this great MEN'S sale-and in these six remaining days we must make a clean sweep, an absolute clearance of every dollar's worth of Fire Sale

Goods in the house-for the floods of new spring goods which are pouring in are crying for attention. Again we have gone through the stock, and in hundreds of instances we have slashed prices lower than ever before-and again, to-morrow, you will have the opportunity of sharing in what is unquestionably the Grandest Value=Giving Event of the Age. (No mail orders filled from this ad.)

FIRE SALE OF CORSETS.

Ladies' 4 and 5 Hook Corsets-cele-Ladies' 5-Hook Corsets-in pink and white or blue and white stripes chesines up to 25 inches worth 39c.
Fire Sale Price.

FIRE SALE OF DRESSING SACKS. One lot of imitation French Flannel

Ladies' Flannelette Dressing Sackswith large collar and sleeves trimmed with narrow black velvet ribbon-loose froat, nicely made and worth \$1.42 - Fire 98C Sale Price.

FIRE SALE OF LADIES' UNDERWEAR.

Only four items are told of here, but hey're all great values: One lot of Ladies' Fleece-Lined Vests One lot of Ladies' Heavy Jersey ribbed Ladies' Fast-Black Cotton Tightsopen or closed—ankle length and worth \$1.00. Fire Sale Price.......49c Boys' Sanitary Wool Undershirts-

FIRE SALE OF

HOSIERY. Unrivaled values that cannot fail to crowd the counters. Look them over Ladies' Cotton Hose-Black, tan and balbriggen, warranted fast colors, full seam-less, double sale and high spilled heel; 9c worth 19c. Fire Sale Price...... adies' Heavy Cotton Hose - Fast black, extra double sole, high spliced heel, full searnless, and worth 25c. Fire 15c.

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Sale Price ... Sapolitoworth See Price ... Honday. Misses' and Children's fine gauge Cot-10c Infants' imported Cashmere Hose-Black with inney military stripe, and toe; worth Mc. Fire Sale Price. Children's and l'isses' Imported Red Hose, full regular made, warranted fast color, sizes 5 to 815; worth 35c. 25c

FIRE SALE OF UNDERMUSLINS.

So many grand values in this depart-ment it's hard to tell just which is most deserving of publicity. The range at Ladies' Fine Kid Shoes-pointed and 49c is particularly large, so we'll tell Fire Sale Price.

Muslin Skirts-with deep Ladies' Chemise - skirt iength, with cambric ruffe-fancy yoke edged with lace ... Ladies' Gowns—of good muslin—square. V and Eur-pire styles, full length and width... Ladies' Drawers-of cambric or muslin, trimmed with embroidery or hemstitched ruffle or ruffle of lace and

All Worth up to 75c.

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You know the high standard of qual ity we maintain. You know the large as ortments we show. Now look at these Fire Sale Prices! Further comment on our part is quite unnecessary. Children's Middy Suits-Ages 3 to 8-

Boys' Knee Suits-Ages 7 to 16-in Boys' Knee Suits—Ages 7 to 16—
double breasted coat and lines pants—a large
range of desirable patterns in fine suitings,
such as Bannockburn Tweeds, English Cassimeres and Fancy Worsteds—tailored in a
high-grade fashion and sold earlier at 16,00
and 87,20—Fire Sale
Price.
3,80

Young Men's Suits-Ages 14 to 19 years—the kind that critical poung gentle-men instantly recognize as being the correct thing—they are cut with wide sloping shoul-ders—double-breasted vests—pants with that graceful tapering cut that usually is seen only in the very best class of merchant tailors' productions—the fabrics comprise all the new and modish effects—they're suits that sold earlier at \$15—Fire—8.70

Young Men's Suits—Ages 14 to 19—these are substantial school or business suits—made from tweeds and smooth surface cheviots—new smart checks and stripes as well as some solid colors—they're 5.15

Fire Sele TOILET GOODS.
Bone Handled Tooth Brushes Ebonized Hair Brushes-All bristlewith sterling plated medallion for en-graving—were 55e—Fire Sale Price... 19C Ladies' Complexion Face Brushes-of genuine goat's hair-worth 29c-Fire Sale Price

Japanned Trays-12-inch size, German China Plates - handsomely decorated-7-inch size-worth 25c-Fire Sale Price only Handsomely Decorated Vases-Wire Drawn Dusting Brushes—9c worth 12e-Fire Sale Price only9C Bissell's Victor Carpet Sweeper—

Brass Barn Lanterns—with good 19c Erie Steel Polished Skillets-No. 8-worth Me-for No. 2- worth the-for Dutch Ovens -with cover--nicely pol-Polished Steel Griddles-Steel Kettles-Flat bottom, nicely pol-

For Nickel-Plated Sad Irons—worth 5c 3c per pound -Fire hale Price-per pound 3C Choice. Asbestos Plates-worth 3cFIRE SALE BARCAINS For HOUSEWIVES.

Curtains White Cambrie Curtains worth \$1.25 Fire Sale Price. Same Curtains - with Torchon Lace suffle and minid with Torobon Inserti worth \$2.00-Fire Sale Price. per pair Warranted All-Linen Table Damask-39c 60 inches wide—unblunched— worth the—Fire bate Price.... Turkey-Red Table Linen-60 in. wide -variety of patterns - Roses, Fleu etc.-worth Mc-Fire Sale Price, per yard..... 2lc

Hapkins - One lot of Fringel Napkins - in old gold, red and white - some white with colored bonders - worth the per dozen - Fire Sale Price, each - ... 4C Towels -Turkish Bath Towels-extra heavy and full size-worth Exc. 17C Huckaback Face Towelsworth 6e -in this Pire Sale, each... 59c Another Style — Heavier and hand-somer—same size, 11-4—worth \$1.50 89C

Other Styles in genuine Freuch Mar-seides Quilts - at about Half the Regular \$1.49, \$1.98, \$2.98 & up to 4.98 SUNDRY FIRE SALE

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Jewelry Jeweled Belt Buckles - in gift, French gray and oxidized many styles, worth 25c to 35c - 12C Assortment of Ladies' Brooches-

FIRE SALE OF Imitation CUT GLASS Ware Water Pitchers-of imitation cut glass

-half-gallon size worth 15c-Fire Sale Price..... Tea Sets-of imitation cut glass-consisting of butter dish, spoonhe bowl and creamer—worth Me-Fire Sale Price. Bread Plates of imitation cut 9c Sauce Dishes-of imitation cut glass-4-inch size-worth 4c-Fire Sale Price, each Cake Stands-imitation cut glass-9-inch size—worth 25c— Pire Saie Price..... Wine Classes-imitation cut glassworth to each-Berry Bowls-imitation cht glass-9 inch size - worth 19c-Fire Sale Price. Jugs-Imitation cut glass Jugs-

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MEN'S SUITS.

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Men's Suits-Hundreds of good serviceable suits that are cut, made and trimmed in a superior manner, properly stayed so they will

Men's Suits for business or dress wearan immense range of popular patterns in through and-through all-word fabrics-includ-

ing fater chevigts, solid Meltons, the serges, neat striped worsteds. The styles are correct and the indicating of a thorothelia first-class character. Ordinarily the price would be \$12.50 and \$15. Fire sale Price.... 8.15 Ten's Suits-Fashionable garments that compare favorably with first-class merchant tallors' work- the fabrics comprise high-grade domestic and imported woolers in all the new-est colorings and weaves—all the prevailing styles—assortment of such magnitude as to sucely please every reasonable may. Earlier in the season the price was aid and six: Fire Sale Price. 10.40

Overcoats and Topcoats-In black, blue and brown kerseys: drab, tan and gray covert cloths-all finely tailored-cut either medium

FIRE SALE OF MEN'S FURNISHINGS.

These goods are marked for a complete clearance this week-affording every man an opportunity to replenish his furnish-

ings at extraordinary savings. Men's Dress Kid Gloves-Genuine Perrin's make-newest shades-worth 98c Men's Silk End Suspenders—with fancy silk-mixed webs—worth Me: 33C Men's 4-ply Linen Collars-Celebrated

Arrow brand-worth lie; Fire sale Price. БC Men's Imported Batiste Handkerchiefs -full size and hematitched-worth .Бс Men's and Boys' Colored Percale Shirts

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Drawers-pure white-good and strong-worth file: Fire Sale Price-per garment.

MACKINTOSHES. Men's Black and Blue Cashmere Mackintoshes—with and without capes—all seams sewed, strapped and cemented—worth F and 66: Fire Sale Price. 3.65

Men's Mackintoshes-Extra good quality black and blue diagonals—cut full long, with large capes—worth \$1.50 2.30 Men's Rubber Coats-Dull-finished rub-

Boys' Mackintoshes-An assorted lot in

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Over 500 ften's Double-breasted Fancy

FIRE SALE OF UMBRELLAS.

Men's and Women's Umbrellas-in-fine

at last been broken up. Professor Y. P. Rothwell, secretary of the Missouri University Athletic Association, is in receipt of a letter from Nebraska University, stating that that university intends to have nothing more to do with the leasue. Professor Rothwell says that this means the disruption of the league, as Kansas and Missouri cannot maintain it by themselves. The breaking up of the league, however, does not mean that the three universities will cease to play football with each other. It simply means that each game hereafter will be played on contract of the universities playing, and no pennant will be award-ties playing, and no pennant will be awardties playing, and no pennant will be award ed. The dissolution may prove to ed. The dissolution may prove to be a good thing, after all, as it relieves the athletic association of the universities of a great deal of responsibility and trouble. It is also better as regards finances.

The University Library has just received a notable addition in several copies of "The Collegian," the first paper published by the university students. All copies of this publication that the university library contained were destroyed by fire when the university was burnel in 1832. These old copies, which are dated in 1832, were secured for the library through the efforts of the Q. E. B. H. senior society from Mrs. E. P. Lamkin of Clinton, Mo. The E. H. society is a secret organization of some of the members of the senior class. It was organized for the purpose of promoting the best interests of the university, and its efforts thus far have been highly successful. It was this society which secured the original measument over the grave of Senator David Bartoa, the first University States Senator from Missouri. This monument was brought from Boonville to Columbia and erected on the campus last June.

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of Oakwood and C. L. Woodbery of Mary-ville on the affirmative, and J. C. Baird of Redding, In., and Arthur Bassett of Paris on the negative. The negative won. In the Twentieth Century Debating Club, E. F. Camron of Neyada and Arthur Jennings of Centralla were for the Boers, and C. A. Lowe of Mokane and J. S. Harrison of Botham for the British, and the affirmative won.

The Athenean Literary Society has selected for its representative on the preliminary contest for the Nebraska debate, W. B. Burrus of Columbia, E. T. Bishop of Ravehwood and B. F. Lowrey of Walker. The Union Literary Society has selected for this contest Arthur Bassett of Paris, R. B. Price of Plattsburg and J. C. Baird of Redding, lo. The Nebraska preliminary debate will take place on Saturday, March 2. It is free, and the public is cordially invited.

VILLAGE MINUS VILLAGERS.

Deserted Spots in Great Britain Not Uncommon.

It seems difficult to realize that there are in Great Britain, says Pearson's Weekly, whole villages existing to-day wherein is not to be found a single inhabitant. It is interesting, moreover, to trace the cause of such desolation, both in England and uitous.

The public attention was recently drawn to the case of the village of Congleton, on the Macclesfield high road, which consists of over sixty houses and cottages, not one of which is occupied.

But this instance is by no means unique. In County Donegal, Ireland, there is a small

in County Professio, treated, there is a smain town in a similarly deserted condition. Over 199 houses go to form it, and the public buildings include a Roman Catholic chapel, a police station and little post office. Yet not one of the houses is occupied! Why? Because of the banshee! The unfortunate fittle town acquired the reputation of being haunted, and the superstitious inhabitants have one by one deserted the place. Nor is this cause of desertion unique, greater size reputed to be haunted.

as powerful a factor in the desoluting of a village as wolves, for several cases have been noticed wherein a had system of drainage was responsible for the total emptying of a village. One of these cases is reported from Wales, where what had once been a prosperous little settlement was vacated after the outbreak of an epidemic fever attributed to foul drains, which the people were too poor to have set aright. In the North of Scotland, another village was deserted for the same reason, the inhabitants in this case taking temporary shelter under a series of unused railway arches, which they bricked up so as to form more or less comfortable summer-houses. Meantime, more permanent buildings were erected by their future occupiers.

TO COLOR A ROSE. Results of Experiments Made to Vary the Hue.

There are any number of human beings in this world who do not acquiesce in the wonderful works of nature and who are on the sustant lookout to improve, if possible, The question of how to color a rose in rier to counteract nature's obstinacy in ot producing that flower with bluish hue as been a good parallel to the problem of be alchemists.

land, too, there are villages of smaller or greater size reputed to be haunted. Some of these are entirely and some only partity uninhabited, but, one and all, they present the appearance of having been branded with a mark of recommending man to avoid them.

In the Auvergnes Mountains of France there are two adjacent villages without inhabitants. In this case ghosts are not responsible for the state of affairs, though. More tangible and material beings have worked the desciation. The villages are the hunting grounds of fierce wolves!

Wolves are by no means uncommon in France, indeed, the sum of \$6.00 is paid annually to keep down the scourge. The villages in question were particularly infested, as is the entire neighborhood, with the cruel, child-eating monsters, and the ravages of the beasts become so frequent and the death rate from this cause so high that it was decided that the villages were not inhabitable, and their occupants moved lower down into the valley, where the wolves were found to be less venturesome.

It would appear that drains are equally

that anline mixture was the cause of the color as well as the death. The carnation lends itself readily to experiments in coloring. In Helgium, where that flower is regarded as a "national" institution, thousands of varieties are produced. In the coal-mining regions it used to be of frequent occurrence that the home-coming laborers, after washing, would use the water which contained the proof of their daily toll to sprinkle the ever-present carnations in their gardens. The fuld did marvelous work among these flowers, and is being used by scientific gardeners for experimenting purposes.

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There is no trouble to obtain all kinds of shades and colors on the cut plants, and when you buy a blue carnation or blue or red lilles of the valley you wonder how such curiosities were raised. Well, they were not. The cut plant was dipped into a mixture of aniline, and the results thus obtained were not the faults of nature. Most recent, however, is the report that flowers can be colored cirring cultivation and without lojury to plant. Alum is one of the chemicals utilized with success. Iron, vitriol, and, in fact, the rust of nails are all excellent materials in producing colors hitherto not seen.

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Washington, March 19.—Rural free delivery service will be established April 2, as follows:

Blinois—Prairieview, Lake County, one carrier; length of route, 23% miles; area covered, 25 square miles; population served, 1,600; carrier, O. I. Lace.

Tennessee—Mountain City, Johnson County, one carrier; length of route, 20% miles; area covered, 10 square milés; population served, 750; carrier, Hugh Murphy.

The following promotions have been made in the Interior Department: Hugh Pitzer of Oklahoma, clerk 11,200 from 11,000; Miss Elizabeth E. Sims of Georgia, clerk, 11,000, from copyist, at 200; James W. Donnelly of lillinois, clerk, 11,200, from 11,000; J. Scott Harrison of Kansas, clerk, at 11,000, from copyist at 250;

Civil service examinations will be held in the near future for the position of clerk, qualified as stenographer and typewriter, in the General Land Office service. From the eligibles resulting from these examinations selections will be made to fill positions as follows: One clerk at Perry, Ok., at 1100 per month and one at 81,200 per annum; one at Montgomery, Ala., ami one at Oklahoma, Ok., at 1300 each per annum.